



Landscape Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held August 17, 2016

Members Present: Ellen Alster, Christina Bickelmann, Katie Gannon, Roger Howlett, Jackie Lyle, Deborah Munoz-Chacon, Nick Shipley, Laura Mielcarek, Ron van Ommeren, Peter Warren

Members Absent: Jim Bennett

Guests/Staff Present: Fernando Molina, Tucson Water; Tom Ellis, Tucson Clean & Beautiful; Judith Anderson, Ward 3; Kendall Kroesen, Tucson Audubon Society; Shawn Moore, TDOT; Brent DeRaad, Visit Tucson

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. by D.Munoz-Chacon.

2. Minutes for Approval

- July 20, 2016: Scribner's corrections: pg. 1: 3.A. 1st bullet = space "R. van Ommeren"; misspelled "budget"; 2nd bullet=spelling "offering". Pg. 1:B, 2nd line= "to" M&C. . .; 3rd line= "M&C"; 2nd bullet= add period "J. Lyle". Pg. 2:5.A. add spaces "I. Ogata", "L. Mielcarek"; 3rd bullet=spelling "salvaging"; item 7, 1st bullet= correct "Century Link"; item 8, 1st bullet add "question if invite Elizabeth. . ."
- Motion by J. Lyle to accept minutes, second by R. Howlett; no further discussion. Approved yes-10, no-0, abstain-0.

3. New Discussion:

- A. Meet & Greet Tucson Tom Ellis, Exec. Director, Tucson Clean & Beautiful (TCB); introduction by K. Gannon; LAC members introduced themselves
- TCB/Trees for Tucson (TFT) writing new chapter; tree distribution has changed; TFT will continue to advocate for and educate community for trees; build and educate volunteer core – provide City with confidence to utilize volunteers
 - Q&A: no intent to replace J. Lionetti; will keep programs moving; discussion of Y.A.R.D.S.; working with program in S. Tucson with adult probationers; 20 schools to be greened up with Adopt-A-School program; thoughts on helping wash maintenance – TCB reached out and working with neighborhood to do community planning along the washes in Oct.; key to figure out how to step in before maintenance comes in, work with neighborhood and have work order that will be agreed upon
- B. LAC member nominations: Arborist & Landscape Contractor
- Both D. Munoz and J. Bennett agreed to do a second term. No Discussion.
 - Motion by J.Lyle to nominate and recommend to Mayor and Council D. Munoz for Landscape Contractor Representative and J. Bennett as Arborist for 2nd term, second by R. Howlett. In favor = 10; nay=0; abstention=0.
- C. Draft Wash Maintenance Guidelines: No information at this time. Will request more information for next month. Councilmember Kozachik may request a meeting with LAC member and TCB to attend. Elizabeth Liebold, with Transportation, may be able to provide more information

4. A. Monthly Street Landscape Maintenance Report – S. Moore: all re-emergent has been sprayed – and appears to be working; challenge right now is weeds, storm damage; palm trees have been trimmed; not sure which specific trees have been taken down; HURF funding not allocated for wash maintenance; maintenance of washes is challenging because no specific funding available; not sure of standard operating procedure for clearance – usually just flow-lines and not along the top-of-bank unless looks

unstable will remove for safety reasons; there are protected washes that cannot remove vegetation, but some need clearing; requests from Ward offices are checked, if not safety issue, will put on schedule – working well with offices; Groundskeeper (GK) has been on-schedule and has not been pulled off work schedule, if need staff – S.Moore requests, and pays for, additional staff to attend to emergency; S.Moore and P.Rosenboom looking at scheduling so contractor work is maximized and not overlapping/redundant; monsoon storm can be challenging – city staff has a rapid response on-call crew, if cannot get to area – will call GK;

5. Old Discussion

- A. Boards, Commissions and Committee – postponed till Oct.
- B. Roadway Plant Salvaging Update: I.Ogata needs to set-up meeting.
 - Draft Active Practice Guidelines (APG) pertains to city property; and has been used by consultants
 - In draft forms and will send to those interested first – R. van Ommerran, N. Shipley and E. Alster interested
- C. IPM Update: in second edit; no further responses, but meeting with staff provided additional feedback; will try to push through as Administrative Directive
- D. UHI workshop:
 - Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016
 - Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Place: TEP Downtown HQ

6. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events

- ANA SHADE conference in Phoenix, September 1, 2016, Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix ; E.Alster speaking, P.Warren also speaking
- AZ Forest : Urban Forest Health workshop for municipal employees, 8-31-2016
- ACTC annual conference in Prescott
- SoAZ Arborist Group, tomorrow 7 a.m., Hungry Fox

7. Call to Audience:

- Brent DeRaad from Visit Tucson: Shared what Visit Tucson does; destination/travel organization – bring in visitors; competitive business; tied into 'quality of life' – landscaping tied to that; marketing Tucson as destination; worked to invest the entry way into Tucson airport; bed tax = 6% (generated about \$10 million; M&C increased \$2 to \$4 bedtax) + surcharge; dollars will go into stabilizing city's structural operational budget; when roadway bond extended – think about possibility to include landscape maintenance; bed tax= 100% spent on travel promotion, surcharge can be used for other use
- Audubon: K.Kroesen = new program 'Habitat at Home'

8. Call for Future Agenda Items

- Wash Maintenance (structure in COT); why TDOT; invite Elizabeth Leibold = Floodplain Management and Stormwater Maintenance
- Tucson Water update on Rainwater Harvesting program
- Ad Hoc group on Native Plant Ordinance

9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.